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CLAIMS

1. A pharmaceutical composition for accelerating salivation for oral administration, which comprises as an active ingredient a carbostyril compound of the formula (1):

wherein R is a halogen atom, and the substitution position of the substituent on said carbostyril nucleus is the 3- or 4-position, and the bond between the 3- and 4-positions of the carbostyril nucleus is either a single bond or a double bond, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt in admixture with a pharmaceutically acceptable diluent or carrier.

- 2. The pharmaceutical composition for accelerating salivation for oral administration according to claim 1, wherein the active ingredient is 2-(4-chlorobenzoylamino)-3-(2-quinolon-4-yl)propionic acid or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.
- 3. The pharmaceutical composition for accelerating salivation for oral administration according to claim 1 or 2, which is a medicament for prophylaxis or treatment of xerostomia.
 - 4. The pharmaceutical composition for accelerating

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salivation for oral administration according to claim 1 or 2, which is a medicament for prophylaxis and/or treatment of xerostomia accompanying Sjögren's syndrome or of hyposalivation.

5. A pharmaceutical composition for prophylaxis and/or treatment of xerostomia for oral administration, which comprises as an active ingredient a carbostyril compound of the formula (1):

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
CH_2CH & COOH \\
NHCO & R
\end{array}$$
(1)

- wherein R is a halogen atom, and the substitution position of the substituent on said carbostyril nucleus is the 3- or 4-position, and the bond between the 3- and 4-positions of the carbostyril nucleus is either a single bond or a double bond, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof in admixture with a conventional pharmaceutically acceptable diluent or carrier.
 - 6. The pharmaceutical composition for prophylaxis and/or treatment of xerostomia for oral administration according to claim 5, wherein the xerostomia is xerostomia accompanying Sjögren's syndrome.
 - 7. The pharmaceutical composition for prophylaxis and/or treatment of xerostomia for oral administration according to claim 5 or 6, wherein the active ingredient is

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2-(4-chlorobenzoylamino)-3-(2-quinolon-4-yl)propionic acid or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

8. Use of a carbostyril compound of the formula (1):

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wherein R is a halogen atom, and the substitution position of the substituent on said carbostyril nucleus is the 3- or 4-position, and the bond between the 3- and 4-positions of the carbostyril nucleus is either a single bond or a double bond, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof for manufacturing a medicament useful for accelerating salivation and for prophylaxis and/or treatment of xerostomia.

- 9. Use according to claim 8, wherein the active ingredient is 2-(4-chlorobenzoylamino)-3-(2-quinolon-4-yl)propionic acid or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.
- 10. A method for accelerating salivation which comprises administering orally a carbostyril compound of the formula (1):

wherein R is a halogen atom, and the substitution position of the substituent on said carbostyril nucleus is the 3- or 4-position, and the bond between the 3- and 4-positions of the carbostyril nucleus is either a single bond or a double bond, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof to a subject in need.

11. A method for prophylaxis and/or treatment of xerostomia, which comprises administering orally the carbostyril compound of the formula (1):

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wherein R is a halogen atom, and the substitution position of the substituent on said carbostyril nucleus is the 3- or 4-position, and the bond between the 3- and 4-positions of the carbostyril nucleus is either a single bond or a double bond, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof to a subject in need.

12. The method according to claim 10 or 11, wherein the active ingredient is 2-(4-chlorobenzoylamino)-3-(2-quinolon-4-yl)propionic acid or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.